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_ 48 _-1 Male | _
_ 52 _-2 Female |
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NBC News/WSJ _Area_ Sample Point _ Date _
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Hello, my name is _ and I'm calling from Hart Research
for NBC News and _The Wall Street Journal_. We're conducting a confidential
poll of public opinion across the country. Of the people living in your
household who are at least 18 years old, including those who are not home
right now, can you tell me who had the most recent birthday? (IF PERSON
DOESN'T KNOW ALL THE BIRTHDAYS, SAY:) Well, of the ones you do know, who
had the last birthday? May I speak to that person please?

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS THE ONE WITH THE MOST RECENT
BIRTHDAY SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO
QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS NOT THE ONE TO HAVE THE MOST
RECENT
BIRTHDAY, ASK TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON WHO DID. AFTER RESPONDENT COMES
TO
THE PHONE, SAY:)

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Hello, my name is _ and I'm calling from Hart
Research for NBC News and _The Wall Street Journal_. We're conducting
a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Are you at
least 18 years old and the person with the most recent birthday of
all the adults living in this household? (IF YES, SAY:) Here is my
first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

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1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election
district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register
yet?

Yes, registered....._ 100 _-1 CONTINUE (11)

No, not registered....._ - _-2 TERMINATE AND DO NOT
Not sure....._ - _-3 COUNT TOWARD QUOTA

2. How closely have you been following the news coverage of the events in East Germany and Eastern Europe over the past few weeks--very closely, somewhat closely, or not that closely?

Very closely....._ 29 _-1 (12)
Somewhat closely....._ 47 _-2
Not that closely....._ 24 _-3
Not sure....._ - _-4

3. How closely did you follow the news coverage of the summit meeting held this past weekend--very closely, somewhat closely, or not that closely?

Very closely....._ 15 _-1 (13)
Somewhat closely....._ 35 _-2
Not that closely....._ 42 _-3
Not at all (VOL)....._ 7 _-4
Not sure....._ - _-5

4. When it comes to your opinion of George Bush, would you say that you have a very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative opinion of him?

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Very positive...._ 28 _-1 _ 24 _ (14)
 Somewhat positive_ 33 _-2 _ 38 _
 Neutral....._ 21 _-3 _ 17 _
 Somewhat negative_ 11 _-4 _ 11 _
 Very negative...._ 5 _-5 _ 8 _
 Not sure....._ 2 _-6 _ 2 _

5. And when it comes to your opinion of Mikhail Gorbachev (mick-ALE gor-bah-CHOFF), would you say that you have a very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative opinion of him?

_11/89 _

Very positive...._ 15 _-1 _ 13 _ (15)
 Somewhat positive_ 37 _-2 _ 41 _
 Neutral....._ 26 _-3 _ 20 _
 Somewhat negative_ 11 _-4 _ 10 _
 Very negative...._ 6 _-5 _ 8 _
 Not sure....._ 6 _-6 _ 8 _

6. Do you think the summit has improved relations between the United States and the Soviet Union a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or very little?

Great deal....._ 16 _-1 (16)
 Quite a bit....._ 29 _-2
 Just some....._ 33 _-3
 Very little....._ 12 _-4
 Not sure....._ 9 _-5

7. Do you feel the improved relations between the United States and the Soviet Union are temporary and could easily change, or are they the beginning of a long-term positive relationship?

Temporary and could easily change...._ 37 _-1 (17)
 Beginning of a long-term relationship_ 52 _-2
 Not sure....._ 11 _-3

8. Do you think the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union is still going on, or is it mostly over?

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Still going on....._ 46 _-1_ 46 _ (18)
Mostly over....._ 40 _-2_ 46 _
Depends (VOL)....._ 7 _-3_ NA _
Not sure....._ 8 _-4_ 8 _

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9. Let me read you a number of things that people say might happen as a result of the recent events in Eastern Europe and the summit. (READ EACH ITEM AND ASK:) Do you think this is very likely to happen, somewhat likely to happen, or _not_ that likely to happen? (_START FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW_)

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Very Somewhat Not That
Likely To Likely To Likely To Not
Happen _Happen_ _Happen_ _Sure_

The U.S. defense budget can be reduced_ 20 _-1 _ 40 _-2 _ 35 _-3 _ 5 _-4 (19)

There will be a backlash and crackdown
by the Soviet Union in Eastern Europe_ 10 _-1 _ 36 _-2 _ 44 _-3 _ 10 _-4 (20)

The United States and the Soviet Union
will reduce the number of troops
in Europe....._ 26 _-1 _ 47 _-2 _ 22 _-3 _ 5 _-4 (21)

There will be greater economic
opportunity for trade for the
United States....._ 40 _-1 _ 43 _-2 _ 13 _-3 _ 4 _-4 (22)

The threat of war will be reduced....._ 39 _-1 _ 39 _-2 _ 18 _-3 _ 4 _-4 (23)

There will be less stability in
Europe, making it more difficult
for U.S. foreign policy....._ 15 _-1 _ 32 _-2 _ 38 _-3 _ 15 _-4 (24)

Soviet interference in Central America
will end....._ 9 _-1 _ 26 _-2 _ 55 _-3 _ 11 _-4 (25)

Both countries will reduce nuclear
weapons in Europe....._ 28 _-1 _ 46 _-2 _ 22 _-3 _ 4 _-4 (26)

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10. If, as a result of agreements with the Soviet Union, we are able to reduce defense spending significantly, do you think that the money we save should be used (1) to reduce the federal budget deficit, (2) to reduce taxes, or (3) to increase spending for domestic programs? (ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

- 1) Reduce the federal budget deficit....._ 42 _-1
2) Reduce taxes....._ 21 _-2
3) Increase spending for domestic programs_ 31 _-3
Depends (VOL)....._ 2 _-4

Not sure....._ 3 _-5

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11. Do you feel that the United States should or should not help the Soviet Union in strengthening its economy?

Should....._ 45 _-1 (28)

Should not....._ 40 _-2

Depends (VOL)_ 8 _-3

Not sure....._ 7 _-4

12. Let me read you several ways in which the United States could aid the Soviet Union's economy. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose this idea. (READ EACH ITEM ON LIST. REPEAT CHOICES. RECORD BELOW.)

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|----|---|--------|------|--------------|
| | | | Not | |
| | Favor | Oppose | Sure | |
| a. | Remove trade restrictions so the Soviets could sell more goods and services in the United States..... | | | |
| | 51 | -1 | 41 | -2 8 -3 (29) |
| b. | Allow American companies to sell high technology products to the Soviet Union even if they have potential military usage..... | | | |
| | 17 | -1 | 77 | -2 6 -3 (30) |
| c. | Allow the Soviet Union to join international lending institutions so they could borrow more money from the West..... | | | |
| | 45 | -1 | 48 | -2 7 -3 (31) |
| d. | Provide direct economic aid to the Soviets..... | | | |
| | 26 | -1 | 67 | -2 8 -3 (32) |

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 _FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

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 F1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong Democrat/Republican or a not very strong Democrat/Republican? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly Independent? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	22	-1	(33)
Not strong Democrat.....	14	-2	
Independent/Lean Democrat..	7	-3	
Strictly Independent.....	14	-4	
Independent/Lean Republican	7	-5	

Not strong Republican....._ 16 _-6
 Strong Republican....._ 16 _-7

Other....._ 3 _-8
 Refused....._ 1 _-9
 Don't know/nothing....._ - _-0

F2. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

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 18-24....._ 8 _-1 50-54....._ 7 _-7 (34)
 25-29....._ 10 _-2 55-59....._ 6 _-8
 30-34....._ 12 _-3 60-64....._ 7 _-9
 35-39....._ 12 _-4 65 and over....._ 17 _-0
 40-44....._ 11 _-5 Not sure/refused....._ 1 _-A
 45-49....._ 8 _-6

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 F3. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White....._ 79 _-1 (36)
 Black....._ 11 _-2
 Hispanic....._ 5 _-3
 Asian....._ 1 _-4
 Other....._ 2 _-5
 Not sure/refused....._ 1 _-6

May we please have your name and the town in which you live for validation purposes?

RESPONDENT'S NAME:

_Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss
(circle one) _

TOWN:_ _

_ RECORD THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT ASK! _

TELEPHONE NUMBER:_ / _
(Area Code)

Length of Interview

Less than 5 minutes.._ 17 _-1 More than 10 minutes._ 2 _-3 (37)
5 to 10 minutes....._ 77 _-2

Interview began:_ : a.m. p.m._ Interview ended:_ : a.m. p.m._
(circle) (circle)

_ THIS IS A BONA FIDE INTERVIEW AND HAS BEEN OBTAINED
_ ACCORDING TO MY AGREEMENT WITH HART RESEARCH ASSOCIATES _

Interviewer's Name (PLEASE SIGN):

_ _
Validated By:_ _ Date:_ _